

EXPERT PONTS OUT GOLF RULES ENCOUNTERED IN PLAYING GOLF

Rule That Ball Must Be Played From Its Stopping Place is Hard to Follow if Ball Falls in Baby Buggy, Moving Automobile or a Hat Brim; Loose Impediments May Be Lifted; Other Freak Rules.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Crafts W. Higgins unheeded his fluent pen recently composed an article which jabs some of the existing golfing rules which are inconsistent in the extreme.

The article—"Inconsistencies in the Rules of Golf"—which appeared in the Rules of Golf Magazine, points out the peculiarity of some of the rules. Higgins aims most of his broadsides at the rules governing the dead and the moving ball, and the article really is an appeal for the amendment of these rules so that common sense may enter into the observance of some of the golfing laws.

"What is needed is an international committee to frame a simple and understandable set of rules for the game," declares Higgins.

Higgins' article points out a number of peculiar conditions that arise in golf games at times, and shows how impossible it is for a golfer to observe some of the existing rules when those conditions arise.

The rule Higgins attacks with vigor is this one:

"If a ball in motion is stopped or deflected by an agency outside the match the ball must be played from its stopping place."

Here's a puzzle.

"What should a player do whose ball lands in a baby carriage which is standing still and which contains a live baby?" asks Higgins.

A perambulator is considered an "outside agency." The rules specify that the ball must be played from where it lies when the golfer arrives on the scene. But suppose the baby has picked it up and is trying to chew it, as babies sometimes will do? The rules are quite clear—the player must play the ball from where it lies.

"But," asks Higgins, "wouldn't the situation be a trifle complicated if the father of the child was sitting as the chauffeur for the carriage?"

How About Trouser Cuffs?

Higgins asks what should be done if the drive landed in the upturn of the trousers of a spectator who was standing still at the moment the ball landed. The rules state specifically that the ball must be played from the position where it lies.

"How about the spectator?" asks Higgins. "Hasn't he some rights?"

Couldn't he refuse to permit the playing of the ball from his trouser leg on the ground that the action might be dangerous? Yet the golfer, according

to the rules, must play from "that place."

Or Spectator's Hat.

"Suppose the ball landed in the rim of a spectator's hat—and the spectator was standing still at the time. What then?" asks Higgins. "The rules state that the golfer must play the ball from where it lies, but the spectator might object slightly to this procedure, especially if the golfer decided upon using one of his iron clubs."

And also let us suppose that the drive lands in an automobile standing by the roadside. Before the golfer arrives on the scene the chauffeur moves away. The rules state the golfer must play the ball from the place where it stopped. But the place has moved. What is the golfer to do? Order back the machine?

Here is another Higgins question—and a humorous Higgins answer:

How to Remove Obstacle.

"One rule states that loose impediments on the putting-green may be lifted, and then goes on to prohibit touching the ground between the ball and the cup. If one wants to remove a half buried nut, lying in the path of the ball, how is he to do so without touching the ground? Answer: Borrow a hat pin from some lady, and pick the nut up with it."

"If a lady, when playing, is unfortunate enough to have the ball lodge in a tree must she ship up the tree trunk or may she have the use of a step-ladder to enable her to reach the spot where the ball lodged?" asks Higgins.

In conclusion, the golfing editor says:

"Verily, the rules of golf are past comprehension. Many of them are supposed to mean something different from what they state. The beauty of the rules is that it requires one to take a day off to find the rule he wants, and when he does find it the meaning of the rule appears to be different every time he reads it. He is a poor rule expert who cannot give at least two interpretations to almost any knotty problem submitted."

BRITTON WILL TAKE PLACE OF WELSH AGAINST GRIFFITHS.

Akron, O., Dec. 22.—Jack Britton of Chicago, will substitute for world's lightweight champion Freddie Welsh here December 28 against Johnny Griffiths. They will box 12 rounds at outweights.

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SHOPPING STUFF!



MANY GOING TO BIG AUTO SHOW

Reservations for Chicago Excursion Are Made by Local Dealers.

Reservations are now being made for the special excursion which has been arranged by the El Paso automobile department to the Chicago automobile show, which will open on January 22 and close January 29.

E. G. Perry, president of the Lone Star Motor company, was the first to make a reservation. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Perry and will meet L. J. Trotter, sales manager of the Lone Star, in Chicago. After the show they will go to the Detroit factory. Several of the Lone Star's subdealers are also expected to make the trip.

Want Ten Maxwell Agents.

John and Ad Buggor of the Buggor Motor Car company, are trying to get up a party of at least ten to represent the Maxwell agents in the southwest-ern territory. It is likely that C. E. O'Meara, Maxwell factory representative in this district, will accompany the El Paso delegation instead of joining that from Fort Worth. The Maxwell representatives will be taken to the Detroit factories from Chicago as the guests of the Maxwell Motor company.

Just how many of the Overland representatives will go is yet uncertain. F. M. Barnett, manager of the El Paso Overland Auto company, is now in the east, but will be home on Friday. Barnett stated before leaving for the east, that he hoped to be able to get away for the Chicago show and to take several of his district salesmen with him.

C. D. Nauman, of the Nauman Motor Sales company, is planning to go to the national show to see the latest models of all makes which will be on display, and to get in touch with the latest sales methods of the Hudson and Geo. concerns.

Other Dealers Will Go.

The Western Motor Supply company will arrange to send a delegate to the show to get a line on the latest accessories. If Joe Bukey is strong enough by that time to make the trip, it is likely that he will go. Should he be unable to make the trip, Harry Diers or Earl Fletcher will represent the big accessory company.

R. W. Deason, of the Saxon Motor Car company, is another dealer who plans to make the trip.

W. J. Kirkpatrick, of the Tri-State Motor company, has the biggest staff of subdealers in the southwest and if "Kirk" can get his small army assembled for the trip, the El Paso delegation will be a big one.

Special Rates Promised.

The El Paso & Southwestern railroad has arranged a special round trip fare of \$42.50 for the trip. The party must leave between January 18 and 21 and will likely get away on the latter date. Special sleepers will be attached for the auto men and arrangements will be made for their comfort en route and for entertainment in Chicago. The excursion is open to all who may care to go, but the return trip must be made by February 15.

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"Beck's" Amen Corner

BY "BECK."

BENNY KAUFF seems to like breaking into the limelight of publicity just as much as "Rube" Marquard. The latest report is that Benny has signed a three year contract with the Giants at a yearly salary of \$5500. But Harry Hempstead, president of the New York club, says that there is absolutely "nothing to it." Well, there will be. The publicity will be good for Benny to grab a couple of weeks in vaudeville before the hero worshipping New York fans.

NEW YORK has never had any particular fancy for the Federals for the simple reason that the league started out without first consulting the big town. Now that the Federals have brought the organized majors to time, the newspapers are accusing the Nationals of "running true to form and quitting to the Federals just as they did to the Brotherhood in 1930 and the American league in 1903." But if the Feds had made their headquarters in New York instead of Chicago there would have been a different tune.

CALIFORNIA starts the enforcement of new traffic regulations and the use of dimmers next Saturday. In El Paso, the motorists seem to be trying to forget that we have a dimmer law.

FRIDAY night will be Christmas eve and there will be no games in the Church Basketball league but the teams will resume the schedule on New Year's eve. Several Christmas day sport attractions are reported as under way and managers of teams having any engagements for Saturday or Sunday are asked to send in their announcements not later than Friday morning.

PHIL BALL, head of the St. Louis Feds, says that he is going to stick by Fielder Jones, manager of the Terriers. So if Ball buys the Cardinals, it is likely that Jones will be the manager. And Walt McCredie, of the Portland Coast league club, asserts that if Jones ties up with any major league club, the Portland club will at once enter into some agreement with that club to act as "farm" for young players. Looks as though Jones has a fine chance of getting back into the O. B. major ranks.

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BY WHEELAN

PEACE TREATY IS ABOUT COMPLETE

Weeghman Is to buy the Cubs and Ball Will Secure St. Louis.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 22.—With the exception of the matter concerning the International League, all conditions that will go into the peace treaty between the Federal league and organized baseball were agreed to Tuesday night.

Attorneys have been instructed to draw up the necessary papers for signing today.

The chief points of agreement were said to be:

That the Federal league would assume and carry out all of its existing contracts with players.

Will Reimburse Wards.

That the Ward interests in all Federal league matters would be reimbursed to the extent of \$400,000, paid in yearly installments for the next 20 years, or in other words, five percent of the money would be paid each year. This would be distributed among the 16 clubs in the major leagues and would amount to approximately \$1200 a year to each.

That all "contract jumpers" would be restored to good standing in organized baseball.

Minor Leagues Are Heard.

At the meeting Tuesday night, the committee representing the minor leagues was taken into the general discussion and those who were in the room when the meeting adjourned consisted of the national commissioners, Messrs. Glavin, Weeghman and Sinclair, of the Federal league, and Messrs. J. H. Farrell, Thomas Chivington and Edward Harrows, of the minor leagues.

During the evening, Edward Swinner, of the Pittsburgh Federals; Patrick Powers, of the Newark Federals; Jack Hendricks, of the Indianapolis American association club, and Harry Homestead, of the New York Nationals, were called before the conference.

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JUST AN EARFUL-BYTAD

YOU know Spider Kelly, don't you? Oh, yes! Oh, yes! I knew the Spider when he was trying to bounce rights off the dome of Joe Gans.

Well, be that as it may, the Spider is still alive and is CONSIDERABLE

of a second. He was behind Jimmy Britt the night the loquacious Native Son crossed bats with Willis Fitzgerald, the Brooklyn candy man.

Although they've never said that the Spider "went to college," he has quite a lingo of his own.

The night that James fought Willis, Mr. Kelly was in the corner, and Mr. Kelly was tussling advice about with negligent abundance.

"Della-Britt!" yelled Kelly at the top of his voice, "Della-Britt!" The wise ones eyed one another and said, "That's a code signal; watch something happen."

Mr. Britt, however, was calmer than ever. After each rally Kelly would yell again, "Della-Britt!" and James would slow down to a walk.

The fight went 20 rounds and Britt was handed the decision.

Tom Mulvey, of the club, a bit worried over Kelly's code gab, asked James, in a whisper, just what the dope on "Della-Britt" was. James started to laugh, hit Tom on the back, and chirped: "That's the Spider's pronunciation of 'deliberate.' No code at all, just the Kelly idea of English."



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Fighters Often Haggle Over Pounds Dundee, However, Gives Away Weight

By T. S. ANDREWS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 22.—A follower of boxing would naturally suppose that men weighing around the 160 pound mark would not make a fuss about giving or taking a few pounds in weight, especially when one stops to consider that some of the greatest fighters the world has ever known were men who scaled from 155 to 165 pounds, and who never thought anything of taking on men weighing anywhere from 125 to over 200 pounds.

Within the past week, however, Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan, one of the best featherweights of two decades ago who is now managing the Future City Athletic club at St. Louis, endeavored to match Tommy Burke of that city, who scales 158 to 160 pounds, and Johnny Howard, the Brooklyn boy who scales from 160 to 165 pounds. They haggled for two days over one pound and then could not make a match. Burke and his manager insisted that Howard should make 160 pounds, while Howard's manager, who claimed that his best weight was around 155, could not do better than 151.

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Gifts for Men

"Adam never had a chance" To buy a decent pair of pants. Eve would have looked askance At his wardrobe, thus enhanced. Kirschbaum Clothes and Hosiery Proof Hose Would have made poor Adam dance. Bryan Brothers can make you happy With their Christmas things so snappy. You will notice, at a glance, This is sure enough your chance.

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